them for extra duties performed by them during the period 1982 and 1985 in Mehrauli Badarpur Road Housing Project;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the current year and action taken on each of them;

(c) whether he is aware that the higher authorities instead of taking any action against the officers responsible for non-payment are shielding their guilty officers by issuing explanation letters/memos to such complainants for writing direct to his Ministry/higher authorities; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this type of long delay in not making payments and whether responsibility has been fixed on concerned officials and by when Government propose to make payments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) In all thirteen complaints were received; Four of these have been finalised. The other cases will be finalised as soon as the scrutiny of the relevant records is complete.

(c) Only in one case the worker had been warned for having approached higher authorities direct in the matter.

(d) There has been no undue delay in setting the payments as the representations have been received only in the current year. Since Muster Roll records of past 3 years are to be scrutinised, some time is necessarily taken in verification. This is because unlike regular workers no service books are maintained for daily rated muster roll workers.

Collection of Sugar Development Fund

2208. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is total amount of Sugar Development Fund collected at the rate of Rs. 14/- per quintal under the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982; State-wise;

(b) the total assistance given to sugar factories as on 31st March, 1987, State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals received from the sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh and pending for the sanction of the fund; and

(d) by when the pending applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Sugar Cess is being collected through the offices of Central Board of Customs & Excise. According to Central Board of Customs and Excise, some of their Pay & Accounts Offices account for collection in respect of more than 1 State/Union Territory. The total amount transferred to the Sugar Development Fund upto March 31, 1987 was Rs. 401.00 crores.

(b) The loan assistance sanctioned for modernisation/rehabilitation and Development of sugarcane to sugar factories in various States upto 31.3.1987 is given below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

State	For Modernisation of sugar-factories	For Surgarcane Development
1 Andhra Pradesh	40·00	682·88
2 Assam . .	—	55·62
3 Bihar . .	72·02	—
4 Haryana . .	—	1284 01
5 Maharashtra .	210·00	1050·23
6 Tamil Nadu .	—	1514·89
7 Uttar Pradesh .	302·92	—
TOTAL	624·94	4588·63

Further, 2 more factories in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 121.93 lakhs as loan assistance so far during 1987-88 for sugarcane development.

In addition, an amount of Rs. 7170.57 lakhs has been disbursed out of Sugar Development Fund as subsidy to the sugar factories who were advised to maintain a buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar.

(c) Applications from 28 sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh were received for loan assistance for sugarcane development. Out of these, the applications from 10 factories are pending.

(d) The proposal for loan assistance and claims for subsidy for maintenance of buffer stocks will be finalised as soon as complete information in all respects as required under the guidelines issued, are received.

Rising Rents in Delhi

2209. SHRI KALP NATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rents for houses and flats in Delhi have been shooting-up during the last three years;

(b) whether correspondingly the price index for housing has also increased; and

(c) if so, whether the matter has been studied and if so, what steps are being taken to check the rise in house rents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Representations are received in the matter from time to time.

(c) The matter has been studied by Economic Administration Reforms Commission and National Commission on Urbanisation. and this Ministry is proposing to amend Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 with a view to strike a balance between the interest of landlords and tenants.

Functioning of NDDB and other Non-Government Agencies

2210. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: :

(a) whether Government have got reports about the functioning of the National Dairy Development Board, or other non-governmental agencies importing oil or oilseeds through co-operatives;

(b) if so, what are the major details of these reports;

(c) what is the quantum of foreign aid in the form of oil and its monetary value and which are the countries giving aid and for what purpose in the last three years; and

(d) the manner in which the above aid is being used and for what purpose and the body which is administering the entire project and what is their accountability to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB)